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SUBJECT: LEAK OF KREISBERG'S REMARKS TO EAST ASIAN SCHOLAR  
DIPLOMAT GROUP

1. WE THOUGHT YOU WOULD BE INTERESTED IN THE FOLLOWING  
CHINA NEWS AGENCY REPORT WHICH APPEARED IN TAIPEI NEWSPAPERS  
JUNE 20, HAVING BEEN FILED FROM WASHINGTON JUNE 18TH.  
QUOTE: WASHINGTON, JUNE 18 (CNA): THE CARTER ADMINISTRA-  
TION DOES NOT EXPECT ANY DRAMATIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE  
"NORMALIZATION" OF RELATIONS WITH THE PEIPING REGIME, A  
SENIOR STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL HAS SAID.

THE OFFICIAL ADDRESSING A CLOSED SCHOLAR-DIPLOMAT  
SEMINAR IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT RECENTLY, ALSO SAID THAT THE  
UNITED STATES DOES NOT ANTICIPATE ANY BREAKTHROUGH ON THE  
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VERY DIFFICULT "TAIWAN QUESTION" WHICH REMAINS TO BE THE  
MAIN ROADBLOCK TO THE "NORMALIZATION" OF RELATIONS BETWEEN  
WASHINGTON AND PEIPING.

HIGHLY INFORMED SOURCES SAID THAT THE OFFICIAL, PAUL  
KREISBERG, WHO IS CURRENTLY DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE STATE  
DEPARTMENT'S POLICY PLANNING STAFF, POINTED TO AMERICAN

PUBLIC OPINION AS THE MAIN INHIBITING FACTOR IN ANY U.S. GOVERNMENT DECISION TO YIELD TO PEIPING'S DEMANDS WITH REGARD TO THE "TAIWAN QUESTION."

KREISBERG TOLD THE SCHOLARS, A TOTAL OF 16 FROM ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS INVITED TO THE SEMINAR ON EAST ASIA AFFAIRS, THAT AMERICAN PUBLIC OPINION AT THIS POINT WOULD NOT ALLOW THE "NORMALIZATION" OF RELATIONS WITH COMMUNIST CHINA AT THE EXPENSE OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA ON TAIWAN. HE ADDED THAT THE ADMINISTRATION CANNOT ACT ON A MAJOR FOREIGN POLICY ISSUE, SUCH AS THE RECOGNITION OF RED CHINA, WITHOUT THE POPULAR SUPPORT FROM THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. MEANWHILE, TAD SZULC, A NOTED FOREIGN POLICY FREE LANCER, REPORTED THAT PRESIDENT CARTER IS NOT READY TO "ABANDON" TAIWAN. CARTER IS CAREFUL ABOUT NOT JEOPARDIZING THE U.S. LINKS WITH SOVIET RUSSIA IN THE EFFORT TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH PEIPING. SZULC MADE THIS JUDGMENT IN AN ARTICLE APPEARING IN THE FORTHCOMING ISSUE OF THE FOREIGN POLICY QUARTERLY MAGAZINE.

IN THE ASSESSMENT OF SZULC, WHAT PRESIDENT CARTER HAS DONE SO FAR WITH RESPECT TO "NORMALIZATION" WITH PEIPING ARE SYMBOLIC GESTURES, SUCH AS THE DISPATCH OF HIS SON CHIP TO THE MAINLAND.

BESIDES KREISBERG, WHO CONDUCTED THE WARSAW TALKS IN THE LATE 1960S, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE RICHARD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HOLBROOKE AND DEPUTY ASSISTANT (SIC) WILLIAM GLEYSTEN ALSO ADDRESSED THE FOUR-DAY SEMINAR. HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE EAST ASIAN COUNTRIES AND THE U.S. TROOP WITHDRAWAL FROM SOUTH KOREA WERE AMONG THE OTHER SUBJECTS FOR DISCUSSION AT THE SEMINAR. A U.S. OFFICIAL SPOKE VERY FAVORABLY OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA'S HUMAN RIGHTS RECORD DURING THE DISCUSSIONS, SOURCES SAID. END QUOTE.

2. WITH SOME OVER-SIMPLIFICATION, THE REMARKS ATTRIBUTED TO KREISBERG REFLECT COMMENTS THAT HE DID MAKE ON AN OFF-THE-RECORD AND CLASSIFIED BASIS TO THE SCHOLAR-DIPLOMAT GROUP WHICH HAD BEEN CLEARED FOR SUCH A CLASSIFIED BRIEFING. WE HAVE SPOKEN TO BILL BLAIR IN PA AND ASKED HIM TO CALL ALL OF THE PARTICIPANTS INDIVIDUALLY WHO TOOK PART IN THE SCHOLAR-DIPLOMAT PROGRAM TO EXPRESS STRONG CONCERN OVER THE FAILURE OF AT LEAST ONE OF THEM TO OBSERVE THE CONDITIONS OF THE BRIEFING PROCESS. THEY ALL -- SURPRISE -- DENIED ANY KNOWLEDGE. WE CAN HANDLE ANY QUESTIONS IF THEY COME UP. VANCE

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